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SUBJECT: GOU OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION: CHEVRON DRILLS DRY HOLE;
WILL TRY AGAIN

REF: A) 1975 MONTEVIDEO 2031

B) 1975 MONTEVIDEO A-121 (NOTAL)

1. ON JULY 12 THE GOU'S STATE PETROLEUM COMPANY (ANCAP) ANNOUNCED TERMINATION OF DRILLING OF THE FIRST EXPLORATORY WELL UNDER CONTRACT BY CHEVRON (REFAIR). ACCORDING COMMUNIQUE, NO PROMISING FORMATIONS INDICATING THE PRESENCE OF PETROLEUM WERE FOUND.

2. ACTUAL DRILLING BEGAN IN MID-JUNE WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE PLATFORM CONTRACTED BY CHEVRON. AT LAST REPORT IT HAD RACHED A DEPTH OF NEARLY 3,000 METERS. UNDER THE TERMS OF CHEVRON'S CONTRACT WITH ANCAP (REF. B), CHEVRON MUST DRILL THREE MORE WELLS OR IT CAN STOP DRILLING AND PAY A PENALTY FEE OF \$1.5 MILLION PER UNDRILLED HOLE. CHEVRON PLANS TO BEGIN DRILLING SECOND WELL BE NEXT WEEK, LEAVING OPTION OF THIRD AND FOURTH WELL FOR FUTURE DECISION.

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3. COMMENT: THE DRY WELL HOLE CAME AS A SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT TO URUGUAY WHICH HAD PLACED DGREAT, EVEN EXAGGERATED, HOPES ON

FINDING ECONOMICALLY EXTRACTABLE DEPOSITS.
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